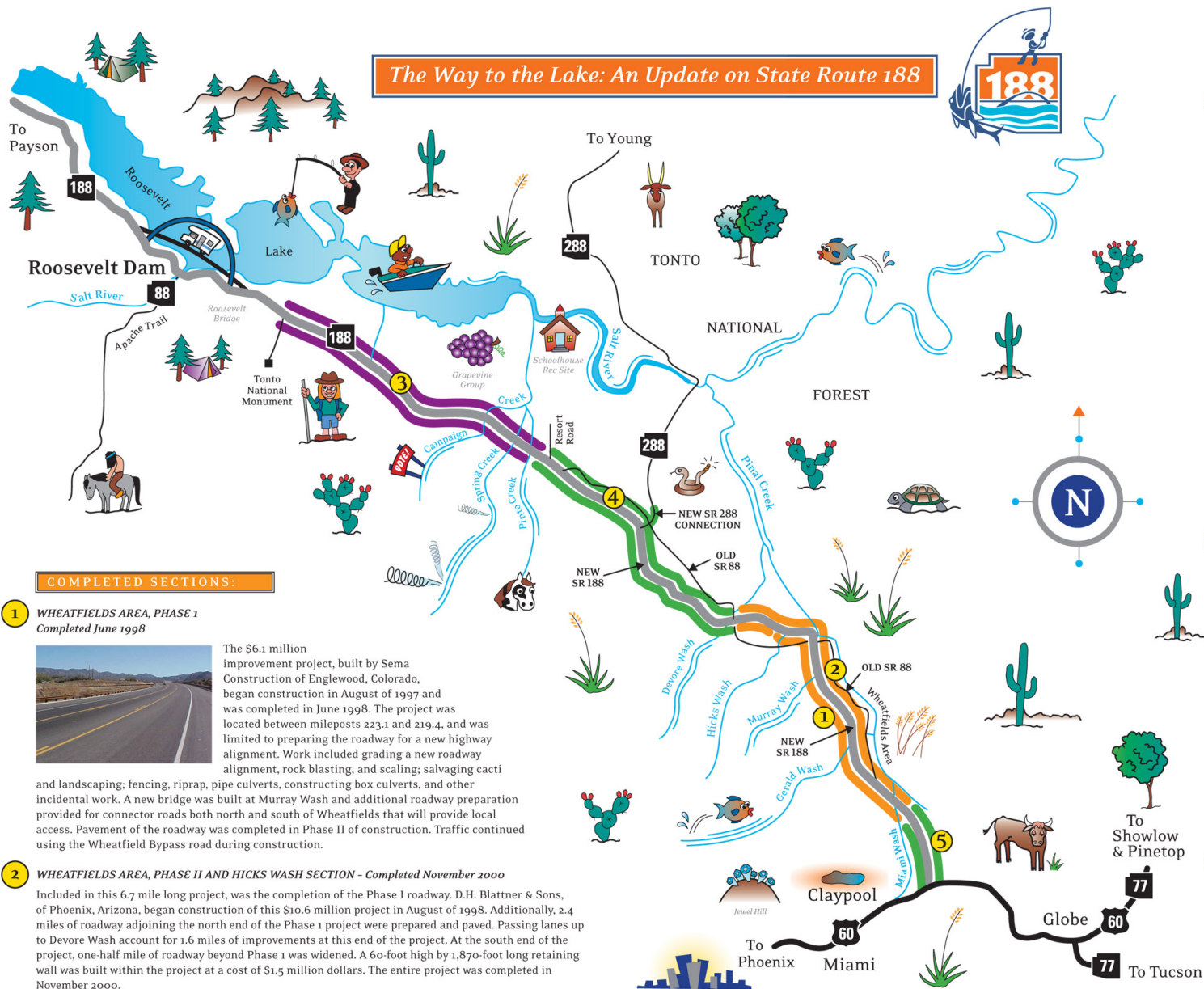


## The Way to the Lake: An Update on State Route 188



### COMPLETED SECTIONS:

- 1 WHEATFIELDS AREA, PHASE I**  
Completed June 1998



The \$6.1 million improvement project, built by Sema Construction of Englewood, Colorado, began construction in August of 1997 and was completed in June 1998. The project was located between mileposts 23.1 and 219.4, and was limited to preparing the roadway for a new highway alignment, rock blasting, and scaling; salvaging cacti and landscaping; fencing, riprap, pipe culverts, constructing box culverts, and other incidental work. A new bridge was built at Murray Wash and additional roadway preparation provided for connector roads both north and south of Wheatfields that will provide local access. Pavement of the roadway was completed in Phase II of construction. Traffic continued using the Wheatfield Bypass road during construction.

- 2 WHEATFIELDS AREA, PHASE II AND HICKS WASH SECTION** - Completed November 2000

Included in this 6.7 mile long project, was the completion of the Phase I roadway. D.H. Blattner & Sons, of Phoenix, Arizona, began construction of this \$10.6 million project in August of 1998. Additionally, 2.4 miles of roadway adjoining the north end of the Phase I project were prepared and paved. Passing lanes up to Devore Wash account for 1.6 miles of improvements at this end of the project. At the south end of the project, one-half mile of roadway beyond Phase I was widened. A 60-foot high by 1,870-foot long retaining wall was built within the project at a cost of \$1.5 million dollars. The entire project was completed in November 2000.

### CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY:

- 3 TONTO NATIONAL MONUMENT TO RESORT ROAD**

This 9.1-mile segment is currently under construction by FNF Construction Company, of Tempe, Arizona. This section, located between milepost 242 and 232.8 will be modernized and brought up to the current ADOT highway design standards. Wider shoulders and intersection improvements, including center turn lanes where needed, are being added for safety improvements. Visibility will be improved by flattening the grade of the roadway.



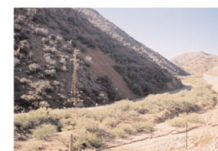
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Because the endangered Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-owl is found in the vicinity of the project, environmental restrictions mean no construction activity prior to March 1, 2003, in isolated areas throughout the construction area.

In spite of these environmental restrictions, FNF Construction plans to have the project completed 10 months ahead of schedule. One of the ways the contractor intends to accomplish this is by using "pre-cast" concrete box culverts instead of pouring the boxes in place. Each pre-cast could save as much as two weeks in time. Within this phase four box culverts will be built, so the savings in time could be as much as 8 weeks.

### UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION:

- 4 RESORT ROAD TO DEVORE WASH**  
Scheduled start of construction late 2003



A completely new highway alignment will be constructed within this 7.5-mile segment. Pioneer Road, constructed between September 1999 and January 2000 was built specifically to provide access for the design/construction of the new roadway. Intermountain West

Civil Constructors out of Payson, Arizona were the contractors who performed the work at a contract price of \$272,000.

The new highway alignment, built to the west of the existing roadway, will include passing lanes and a one-mile connector road to State Route 288. Five new bridges will be constructed on SR 188 and one new bridge on the SR 288 connector. Because this entire project is new road alignment, traffic will only be impacted at the points where the new construction "ties in" with the existing roadway. Duration of this project is expected to take 24 months, at an estimated cost of \$40 million.

- 5 WHEATFIELDS AREA TO US 60**  
Scheduled start of construction mid to late 2004

This final phase to modernize SR 188 is currently under design and will improve the safety capacity of the four miles of roadway between US 60 in Globe and the Wheatfields area (approximately milepost 219.4). The existing State Route will be widened to five lanes and a new bridge over the Miami Wash is being designed. This final segment of the State Route 188 improvement project is anticipated to take approximately 12 months.